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1. The complement at the Soviet border post of Bulan (36-59N, 60-04E) includes the following: one officer (a lieutenant), 39 men, and 14 women who are presumably wives and camp workers. The two cooks, one man and one woman, appear to be Turkomen. The post has eight horses and ten mules.
2. On or about 1 March 1951, the entire complement of 39 guards was changed during the night. Two planes circled over the fort on the day of the change. The new men were brought in two trucks; they are very young and appear to be raw recruits who do not know how to salute properly. During March, the officers not infrequently struck the new men, ostensibly because of the men's awkwardness.
3. The border post of Bulan is one of several under the command of a major who comes to the post every Wednesday and Saturday in a green jeep. On his visits he uses a recently built one-room house. This post services the smaller adjoining posts, the personnel of which come to Bulan in International trucks for bathing purposes.
4. Rifle practice is conducted every Tuesday. Standard weapons are 5-shot short rifles* and standard length rifles. A truck was once observed unloading machine guns and mortars at the post. The men practice marching to the music of an accordion played by the lieutenant and a clarinet.
5. During March 1951, spotlights were shone in the air on foggy days.

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Comment: This is probably the Soviet 7.62-mm M1938 Carbine, which is a shorter version of the M1891/30 rifle.

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